

# **OCCURRENCE REPORTING PROGRAM–PROPOSED INTERPRETATION PROCESS**

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ORPS Criteria and Requirements

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## Proposed process for identifying, interpreting, and publishing DOE O 231.1A, DOE M 231.1-2, and DOE G 231.1 by DOE and DOE Contractor Organizations

### Scope

The scope of this proposal includes a process to obtain interpretations to the requirements and criteria associated with the Occurrence Reporting and Processing System (ORPS). This paper delineates processes for gathering field issues related to ORPS, for DOE HQ to provide interpretation and guidance on the field issue, to publish and notify ORPS users of posted interpretations and guidance, and to identify and recommend relevant interpretations, guidance, and corrections for future publication in the 231 Manual and Guidance documents.

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- Recent draft changes of criteria in DOE M 231.1-2 that were identified during the Atlanta, Georgia 2004 ORPS Workshop.
- Formal interpretations made from DOE O 232.1A and 5000.3B that are still relevant and can map to the current criteria. .

### Proposed Processes

- Set up an email listing available from the ORPS homepage (<http://www.eh.doe.gov/pqa/orps.html>) of DOE contractor personnel with ORPS responsibilities. This is to replace the inactive Occurrence Reporting Listserver link. Similar to the previous listing, access to this list should be restricted to DOE and DOE Contractor personnel. The email listing will include the principal contact(s) from each contractor and will be used to communicate the rollout of the interpretation/guidance process. Later, the ORPS prime contractor list will be used to communicate pertinent information related to this process such as new information added to the DOE interpretations website or future ORPS Task Group meeting announcements. This process should support the automatic addition and deletion names to this mailing list. In addition, this process should provide a searchable alphabetic listing of the principle contacts from each contractor to facilitate peer to peer communication.

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- Set up an on-line electronic form available from the ORPS homepage page for contractors to request interpretation/guidance of ORPS criteria and requirements. This electronic form should be similar to the proposed Criteria/Requirements Comment Submittal/Resolution Form found in Appendix A, which allows the contractor to identify the specific criterion or requirement in question, provide an

explanation of the issue (examples if possible), a proposed interpretation, and Documents DOE's resolution.

- The interpretation form would be sent automatically to EH-32 via the ORPS support e-mail address (orpssupport@eh.doe.gov) for resolution. The subject matter expert review and formal interpretation should not take longer than 20 working days to determine final resolution. Once the interpretation/guidance has been approved, EH-32 will publish it onto their website as official interpretation/guidance. Regardless of the outcome of this determination feedback should be provided directly to the original submitter.
- All formal interpretation/guidance will be considered by EH-32 for future order, manual, and guidance revisions.

Once all elements of this process are put in place, an email will be sent to the primary contractor email listing to announce this process and invite usage of the process.

### Definitions

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References

Occurrence Reporting and Processing of Operations Information, DOE M 231.1-2

Occurrence Reporting and Performance Analysis Guide, DOE G 231.1-1

Occurrence Reporting Causal Analysis Guide, DOE G 231.1-2

**Appendix A**

**Criteria/Requirements Comments Submittal Form**

**Site:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Submitter's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

#	Approved Criterion / Requirement	Proposed Resolution	Example of Problem	DOE Approved interpretation

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